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1. Beginning in late September 1950, underground dugouts were being constructed as atomic bomb shelters in Peiping and Tientsin by order of the Chinese Communists. On 1 October, conscripted civilians from Liaoning and Eastern Hopei assembled in Peiping to excavate dugouts around the Peiping city wall under the supervision of Soviet advisors and technicians. The USSR is providing all construction materials, and the work is to be completed by the end of 1950.*
2. Between 10 and 12 October, six trains left Canton for Hankow loaded with 35 armored cars, 42 trucks and jeeps, 20,000 pairs of rubber shoes, a quantity of scrap iron, and other military supplies.**
3. On 12 October, only one regiment of the Chinese Communist 43 Army was in the Hankow garrison; the 128 Division, 43 Army, was stationed along the Canton-Hankow railroad from Chenghsien (113-40, 34-45) to Hankow; and the 129 Division, 43 Army, was stationed along the Canton-Hankow railroad from Ch'angsha to Hankow.***

4. In early October, the three divisions of the Railroad Corps were ordered to Hengyang (112-35, 26-56) from Manchuria. They are now at Chenghsien awaiting transportation.***

* [redacted] Comment. [redacted] reports on similar excavation activities in Canton.

*** [] Comment. []
[] previous reports on the shipping of military equipment and personnel
from Canton to Hankow.

*** [redacted] Comment. [redacted] report on the northward movement

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